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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative.

As regards the action taken by the Government, the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General and Buildings) who was consulted in the matter recommended the purchase by the Municipal Council of two Bedford Chassis in preference to the Studebaker trucks. This recommendation of the Chief Engineer has been communicated to the Municipal Council and it has been advised to reconsider its previous resolution. The reply of the Municipal Council in the matter is awaited.

" (b) The answer is in the negative. The Collector in forwarding a minute of dissent by 13 Councillors merely requested that necessary orders may be passed by the Government on the dissenting minute."

SRI T. POTHA RAJU :—" When was the Chief Engineer's opinion sent to the Municipal Council? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information about the date, but it was sent recently."

Local Fund Dispensary at Gulla Sitharampuram, Srikakulam district.

* 328 Q.—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any representations have been received by the Government not to shift the Local Fund dispensary from Gulla Sitharampuram in Palakonda taluk, Srikakulam district, and to open Health Centre there instead, and if so, what action has been taken so far?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes. The matter is under consideration."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" As the dispensary at Chilakalapalli where the Government propose to start a Health Centre now stands closed, will they consider the question of opening a Health Centre at Gulla Sitharamapuram where the Health Department has suggested and recommended the opening of the Health Centre? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Director of Medical Services has suggested that a regular Local Fund Dispensary may be opened by the District Board at Santakavity in place of the existing rural dispensary. The District Board was asked to consider the above suggestion and communicate its views at an early date. The reply from the District Board is still awaited."

Japanese method of paddy cultivation.

* 329 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government are sending some Japanese families to Madras to demonstrate the Japanese method of paddy cultivation;

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(b) whether it is done at the cost of the Central Government or the State Government; and

(c) the number and name of centres that are chosen in the State for that purpose?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer furnished on 23rd March 1953 to question No. 128 (930) (starred) asked by Sri K. Aranganathan."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether this work of demonstration is entrusted to the District Agricultural Officer and whether the centres chosen will be properly distributed among all the firkas of the State?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The supplementary question does not arise at all out of the main question."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know whether the Government are coming forward to give bonuses or prizes to those who cultivate the lands intensively by means of the Japanese system?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Certain bonuses and prizes will be awarded later on. The matter is not at present under consideration."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" May I know what is the difference in cost of cultivation per acre between the Japanese and the Indian methods of cultivation and what is the yield per acre under each method?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI A. RAMASAMI THEVAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to send the Hon. the Agriculture Minister to Japan to study the method directly?" (Laughter.)

Representations from the Government Soap and Oil Factory Workers' Union, Kozhikode.

* 330 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorandum from the Government Soap and Oil Factory Workers' Union, Kozhikode, regarding the bonus for the years 1950–51 and 1951–52 and other grievances of the workers; and if so, what action was taken?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to the starred question No. 11 (46)[a] put by Sri M. Narayana Kurup, M.L.A."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that the workers were not given any bonus for two years, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give instructions to the management of the Kerala Soap Institute to give the bonus as early as possible?"

[a] Answered on 10th March 1953.